

ClaimsWhat is claimed is:

1 1. In a World Wide Web (Web) communication network with
2 user access via a plurality of data processor controlled
3 interactive receiving display stations for displaying
4 received hypertext documents of at least one display page
5 containing text, images and a plurality of embedded
6 hyperlinks, each hyperlink being user selectable to
7 access and display a respective linked hypertext
8 document, a system for enabling a user to selectively
9 preview each hypertext document linked to the hyperlinks
10 in each received hypertext document comprising:

11 means associated with one of said receiving display
12 stations for enabling a user to select to view only a
13 portion of a hypertext document linked to a hyperlink in
14 any received hypertext document;

15 means for accessing and storing at said one
16 receiving display station said portion of said linked
17 hypertext document; and

18 means responsive to said means for enabling said
19 user selection for displaying said stored portion of a
20 linked document.

1 2. The Web system of claim 1 further including means for
2 enabling a user to select to view the full linked
3 hypertext document after the user has viewed a portion of
4 said full linked document.

1 3. The Web system of claim 2 wherein said means for
2 enabling the user to select to view only a portion of a
3 linked document enable the user to select the size of the
4 portion of the linked document to be viewed.

1 4. The Web system of claim 2 wherein said one receiving
2 display station further includes a user interactive Web
3 browser, said Web browser including:

4 said means for enabling a user to select to view
5 only a portion of any hypertext document linked to a
6 hyperlink in a received hypertext document;

7 said means for accessing and storing said portion of
8 said linked hypertext document; and

9 said means responsive to said means for enabling
10 said user selection for displaying said stored portion of
11 a linked document.

1 5. In a Web communication network with user access via a
2 plurality of data processor controlled interactive
3 receiving display stations for displaying received
4 hypertext documents of at least one display page
5 containing text, images and a plurality of embedded
6 hyperlinks, each hyperlink being user selectable to
7 access and display a respective linked hypertext
8 document, a method for enabling a user to selectively
9 preview each hypertext document linked to the hyperlinks
10 in each received hypertext document comprising:

11 enabling a user to select to view only a portion of
12 any hypertext document linked to a hyperlink in a
13 hypertext document received at one of said receiving
14 display stations;

15 accessing and storing at said one receiving display
16 station said portion of said linked hypertext document;
17 and

18 displaying said stored portion of a linked document
19 responsive to said user selection.

1 6. The method of claim 5 further including the step of
2 enabling a user to select to view the full linked
3 hypertext document after the user has viewed a portion of
4 said full linked document.

1 7. The method of claim 6 wherein said step of enabling
2 the user to select to view only a portion of a linked
3 document further enables the user to select the size of
4 the portion of the linked document to be viewed.

1 8. The method of claim 6 further including a Web browser
2 method operatively associated with at least said one
3 receiving display station, said Web browser method
4 including said steps of:
5 enabling a user to select to view only a portion of
6 a hypertext document linked to a hyperlink in a received
7 hypertext document;
8 accessing and storing said portion of said linked
9 hypertext document; and
10 displaying said stored portion of a linked document
11 responsive to said user selection.

1 9. A computer program having code recorded on a computer
2 readable medium for enabling a user to selectively
3 preview each hypertext document linked to the hyperlinks
4 in each received hypertext document in a Web
5 communication network with user access via a plurality of
6 data processor controlled interactive receiving display
7 stations for displaying received hypertext documents of
8 at least one display page containing text, images and a
9 plurality of embedded hyperlinks, each hyperlink being
10 user selectable to access and display a respective linked
11 hypertext document, said program comprising:

12 means associated with one of said receiving display
13 stations for enabling a user to select to view only a
14 portion of a hypertext document linked to a hyperlink in
15 any received hypertext document;

16 means for accessing and storing at said one
17 receiving display station said portion of said linked
18 hypertext document; and

19 means responsive to said means for enabling said
20 user selection for displaying said stored portion of a
21 linked document.

1 10. The computer program of claim 9 further including
2 means for enabling a user to select to view the full
3 linked hypertext document after the user has viewed a
4 portion of said full linked document.

1 11. The computer program of claim 10 wherein said means
2 for enabling the user to select to view only a portion of
3 a linked document enables the user to select the size of
4 the portion of the linked document to be viewed.

1 12. The computer program of claim 10 wherein said one
2 receiving display station further includes a user
3 interactive Web browser program, said Web browser
4 including:

5 said means for enabling a user to select to view
6 only a portion of any hypertext document linked to a
7 hyperlink in a received hypertext document;

8 said means for accessing and storing said portion of
9 said linked hypertext document; and

10 said means responsive to said means for enabling
11 said user selection for displaying said stored portion of
12 a linked document.

1 13. In a Web communication network with user access via
2 a plurality of receiving display stations for displaying
3 accessed Web pages a method comprising:

4 enabling a user at one of said receiving display
5 stations to select to view only a portion of a Web page;
6 and responsive to said user selection:

7 accessing said portion of said Web page from the
8 Web, and displaying said accessed portion of said Web
9 page.

1 14. The method of claim 13 wherein:

2 said selected portion includes an incomplete image;

3 and

4 said portion is accessed and displayed in a text
5 only mode.

1 15. A computer program having code recorded on a
2 computer readable medium for enabling a user at a
3 receiving display station on the Web to preview a Web
4 page comprising:

5 means enabling a user at said receiving display
6 station to select to view only a portion of a Web page;
7 and

8 means responsive to said user selection for
9 accessing said portion of said Web page from the Web, and
10 for displaying said accessed portion of said Web page.

1 16. The computer program of claim 15 wherein:

2 said selected portion includes an incomplete image;
3 and

4 said means responsive to said selection access and
5 display said portion in a text only mode.

1 17. In a communications network, a method for viewing a
2 portion of a document transmittable over the network
3 comprising:
4 requesting a portion of a transmittable document;
5 transmitting said requested document portion; and
6 displaying said transmitted portion on a display
7 terminal in said network.

1 18. A computer program having code recorded on a
2 computer readable medium for enabling a user at a display
3 terminal in said network to preview a Web page
4 comprising:
5 means for requesting a portion of a transmittable
6 document;
7 means for transmitting said requested document
8 portion; and
9 means for displaying said transmitted portion on a
10 display terminal in said network.

1 19. In a computer controlled display system, a method
2 for viewing a portion of a document comprising:
3 requesting a portion of a stored document;
4 obtaining said requested document portion; and
5 displaying said obtained portion.

1 20. A computer program having code recorded on a
2 computer readable medium for enabling a user in a
3 computer controlled display system to preview a document
4 comprising:
5 means for requesting a portion of a document;
6 means for obtaining said requested document portion;
7 and
8 means for displaying said obtained portion on said
9 computer controlled display system.